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1. (Three Times Amended) A recording medium provided with an ink-receiving layer on at least one surface of a substrate, wherein said ink-receiving layer is composed of a porous layer comprising pigment particles and <sup>wherein the</sup> thermoplastic resin particles that have been mutually fused with no particle structure left, and wherein the ink-receiving layer and the substrate are fused, <sup>wherein</sup> and the ink receiving layer has gaps formed by the fusion of the thermoplastic resin particles.

2. (Not Amended Herein) The recording medium according to claim 1, wherein a porous outermost layer comprising thermoplastic resin particles is provided on the ink-receiving layer.

3. (Not Amended Herein) The recording medium according to claim 2, wherein said substrate is card-shaped.

4. (Not Amended Herein) The recording medium according to claim 1, wherein said pigment particles are composed of alumina hydrate.

5. (Not Amended Herein) The recording medium according to claim 1, wherein said substrate is composed of a polyvinyl chloride resin.

6. (Not Amended Herein) The recording medium according to claim 1,  
wherein said substrate is composed of a polystyrene resin.

7. (Not Amended Herein) The recording medium according to claim 1,  
wherein said substrate is composed of a polycarbonate.

8. (Not Amended Herein) The recording medium according to claim 1,  
wherein the substrate is composed of a terephthalic acid-ethylene glycol-cyclohexane  
dimethanol copolymer.

9. (Not Amended Herein) An image forming process comprising the step of  
forming an image by ejecting an ink by an ink-jet recording method onto the recording  
medium according to claim 1.

10. (Not Amended Herein) An image forming process comprising the steps  
of:  
forming an image by discharging ink by an ink-jet recording method onto  
the recording medium according to claim 2, and  
rendering said outermost layer transparent.